

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Booth, Walker, Thornton, Jackson, Richard, Blackburn and Burlingame. Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Sylvester and Pearson were absent. Also present were Peter Dennehy Esq., and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #130194: Mr. Gabe Francis, for the property located at 380 Broadway, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system in this facility, and an additional 150 days to implement that plan. The Board tabled item #2 (Emergency Forces Notification) until March 11, 2014 to allow the Applicant time to return to the Board with a plan of action designed by the Applicant's architect which is acceptable to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140004: Town of North Providence, for the property located at 1378 Douglas Avenue, North Providence, (Stephen Olney

Elementary School). DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM John Horan appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a time variance prior to the commencement of the 2014-2015 academic school year in September of 2014 to have all the classrooms with intervening doors that lead to an existing exit brought up to code by having them properly marked and to have the missing fire department connection (FDC) cap replaced. The Applicant requested a variance to allow the interior finish of the carpeting on the columns in the gym/cafeteria area to remain as is. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140005: Town of North Providence, for the property located at 55 Central Avenue, North Providence, (McGuire Elementary School). DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM John Horan appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance prior to the commencement of the 2014-2015 academic years in September of 2014, to have sufficient emergency lighting provided in the gym and cafeteria, to the satisfaction of the State and North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted a variance to permit the existing carpeting located on the columns in the gym/cafeteria to remain as is. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140008: Mr. Michael Kutsaftis, for the property located at

131 Broadway Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system in this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the Applicant to install the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors outside the bedrooms in this facility. The Applicant was granted a time variance of seven (7) days from the date of this hearing to install the proper fire extinguishers in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

Request by Mr. Kevin Toomey for a modification of the language in decisions in file numbers 130061 through 130068. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Booth and Richard, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance to allow all the existing windows for rescue dimension to remain as is. The Board advised the Applicant if at any time these windows are replaced they must be installed to fire code standards. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office for installation of a proposed fire alarm system and an additional (150) days to implement that plan, with the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by

the Applicant. The motion passed with Commissioners Blackburn and Walker recusing themselves from consideration of this case.

Review of and possible vote on BV 14-01, Smoke and CO Detection Existing Apartments. The Board tabled this issue until February 25, 2014, to allow the State Fire Marshal's Office time to clarify section RILSC 31.1.1.3 Approved apartment buildings.

Review of, and possible vote on, BV 14-02, Application of RIGL Section 23-28.2.21. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth to accept BV 14-02. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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